GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:640
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FUNDS FOR ANGANWADI CENTRES
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether adequate infrastructural facilities are being provided to the Anganwadi Centres functioning in various States;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) number of requests received for increase in the funds to these Anganwadi Centres, State-wise;

(d) whether any request has been received from the Andhra Pradesh Government for sanctioning more Anganwadi Centres; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT, MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI)

(a),(b),(c),(d)&(e) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a),(b),(c),(d) & (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 640 6.5.2003 REGARDING FUNDS FOR ANGANWADI CENTRES BY SHRI A.P. JITHENDER REDDY

(a)&(b) Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Scheme is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme, wherein the items for which funds are provided by the Central Government include salary of ICDS functionaries, honoraria of Anganwadi Workers & Helpers, rent of Anganwadi Centres and block & state level offices, Medicine Kits, Pre-School Education Kits, Petrol Oil & Lubricant (POL) maintenance, Information Education & Communication (IEC) material, stationary and contingencies.

Funds are also provided by the Central Government under training programme, Udisha, for training of ICDS functionaries at all levels.

In addition, in ICDS Projects being implemented in some States with a loan from the World Bank, funds for certain additionalities, which, inter alia, include construction of Anganwadi buildings, block level offices-cum-godowns and handpumps, are also provided by the Central Government.

Funds have also been provided by the Central Government to North-Eastern States and Sikkim in 2001-02 and 2002-03 for construction of Anganwadi buildings.

(c) Funds are provided by the Central Government for Anganwadi Centres as per fixed financial norms. Since the inception of the ICDS Scheme in 1975, requests have been received from States from time to time for revision of norms of various items. Periodic review and revision of norms has been undertaken by the Central Government, the latest being the enhancement of honoraria of Anganwadi Workers & Helpers by Rs. 500 per month and Rs. 240 per month, respectively, with effect from 1.4.2002.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.